

First Reformed Church
August 10, 2025
9:30 AM

Prelude
Welcome
Announcements
Call to Worship
***Greetings**

***Song** “New Doxology”
***Song** “Revelation Song”
Congregational Prayer
Scripture: James 1:2-28

Testing of Your Faith

² Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, ³ for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. ⁴ And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing. ⁵ If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him. ⁶ But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind. ⁷ For that person must not suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; ⁸ he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways. ⁹ Let the lowly brother boast in his exaltation, ¹⁰ and the rich in his humiliation, because like a flower of the grass he will pass away. ¹¹ For the sun rises with its scorching heat and withers the grass; its flower falls, and its beauty perishes. So also will the rich man fade away in the midst of his pursuits. ¹² Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him. ¹³ Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am being tempted by God,” for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. ¹⁴ But each person is tempted

when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. ¹⁵ Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death. ¹⁶ Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. ¹⁷ Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸ Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

Hearing and Doing the Word

¹⁹ Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; ²⁰ for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God. ²¹ Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls. ²² But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. ²³ For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. ²⁴ For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. ²⁵ But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing. ²⁶ If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this person's religion is worthless. ²⁷ Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.

Message: “Trials and the Goodness of God”

Prayer

***Song** “Graves into Gardens”

***Benediction**

***Postlude**



Welcome to the First Reformed Church, we are glad to have you worshiping with us. Please join us for coffee, cookies & juice in the Fellowship Hall following worship.

Calendar of the Day:

9:30 AM Pastor Cliff will lead us in worship. An offering will be received for the S.C. Gospel Mission.
11:00 AM Pastor Cliff will lead the community worship service at the Bi-Centennial Park.

Serving Today:

Music: Team 2

Sound: Bouwman family

Nursery: Ryan & Jillian Blankespoor

Coffee Servers: Rod & Lil Netten

Offering: Church Ministry Fund

Birthdays & Anniversaries:

August 11: Sonja Blik
Ryan Blankespoor
August 14: Chuck Ver Steeg (90)
August 15: Seth Vande Kamp
William Boogerd
Darrell & Bev Vande Vegte (45)
August 16: Mary Koldenhoven

Prayers & Praises:

We express our Christian Sympathy to the family and friends of *Ann Jansen*. Ann passed away on Wednesday evening. Arrangments are pending at this time.

Education Needs:

- 1 TK/Kindergarten Teacher – This is a shared position.

Next Week:

Monday, August 10:

7:00 PM Elder & Deacon Mtgs.

8:00 PM Consistory Mtg.

Sunday, August 17:

Pastor Cliff will lead us in worship.

Pianist: Madelyn Vander Heul

Sound: Jerry & Kevin

Nursery: Brandon & Meghan Van Middendorp

Coffee: Gary & Donna Miller

Offering: Church Ministry Fund

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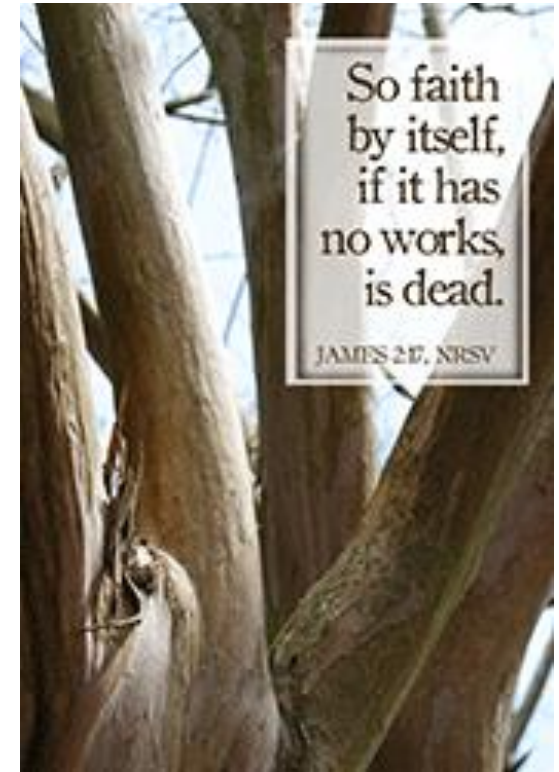
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Our **mission** is accepting God's love, growing in the
Word and Spirit, serving others.

Accepting...Growing...Serving

Our **vision** is to follow Jesus daily as we love and
serve all people.



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